

Application No. 10/694,601
Suppl. Response dated 5/20/05
Reply to Office action dated 1/25/2005

Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested. Claims 1-8 remain in the application.

Applicant herewith submits an executed *Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131* in order to overcome the anticipation rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,659,355 B1 to Fischer, et al. As stated in the declaration and evidenced by the *Invention Disclosure* submitted together with the after final response and the RCE on April 25, 2005, the above-identified invention was reduced to practice at least as early as February 28, 2001, and thus predates the effective filing date of U.S. Patent No. 6,659,355 B1.

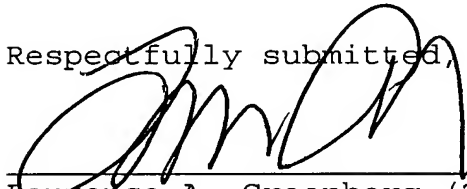
Applicant respectfully requests that the enclosed *Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131* duly executed by the inventor be entered of record in this application. The anticipation rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) is thus moot.

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Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and
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Respectfully submitted,

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